BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD

AGENDA

Work Session, Executive Session and Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council

ROLL CALL-WORK SESSION					
	PRESENT	ABSENT			
Mayor Suarez					
Castelli					
Todd					
Vincentz					
Severino					
Acosta					
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Date: February 27, 2012

Open Public Meetings Statement by Mayor Suarez

Work Session: 6:00 P.M. C.T.O.: Adjourn:

• Discussion on Building Department Fees

Mayor Suarez – Adjournment into closed Executive Session in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act"

Executive Session: 6:30 P.M. C.T.O.:

Adjourn:

Public Session: 7:30 P.M. C.T.O.:

Adjourn:

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizens Comment on Agenda:

Correspondence:

ROLL CALL-EXEC. SESSION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor Suarez		
Castelli		
Todd		
Vincentz		
Severino		
Acosta		
Jimenez		

ROLL CALL-PUBLIC SESSION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor Suarez		
Castelli		
Todd		
Vincentz		
Severino		
Acosta		
Jimenez		

Approval of Minutes of November 14, 2011 Public Session Meeting

As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2197 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2190"

Entertain motion to declare the time for the public hearing to be declared open

Public Hearing

Entertain motion to declare the time for the public hearing to be declared closed

Final Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilman Acosta	Change of Employment Status-J. Rubino
Councilman Jimenez	Refund 2010 Senior and Veteran Deduction- Block
	2003, Lot 2
Councilman Jimenez	Senior/Disabled Deductions
Councilman Jimenez	Tax Court Judgment-Block 3105, Lot 5
Councilman Jimenez	Tax Court Judgment-Block 3805, Lot 8
Councilman Jimenez	Escrow Return
Councilman Castelli	Appointment to Rent Leveling Commission
Mayor Suarez	Mayors Wellness Campaign
Councilman Acosta	Adopt Plan to Meet Federal Regulations Regarding
	Federal Road Sign Standards
Councilman Acosta	Limousine License
	Councilman Jimenez Councilman Jimenez Councilman Jimenez Councilman Jimenez Councilman Jimenez Councilman Castelli Mayor Suarez Councilman Acosta

COUNCIL VOTE

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	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	
Castelli					
Todd					
Vincentz					
Severino					
Acosta					
Jimenez					
Mayor Suarez					

RESOLUTIONS:

118-2012 Councilman Jimenez Warrants

COMMENTS BY MAYOR:

Application for Raffles License:

Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church Calendar Raffle April 15-July 1, 2012 – 1:00 p.m. 461 Bergen Boulevard

COMMENTS BY COUNCILMEN:

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS: (All speakers are limited to five minutes maximum per meeting)

Agenda subject to change as a result of matters not known at time of printing with the consent of the Mayor and Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Prina, Borough Clerk

Meeting February 27, 2012

Presented by Mayor Anthony R. Suarez

BE IT RESOLVED, that the regular public meeting be adjourned, and that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield shall meet in a closed Executive Session following a five minute recess at the termination of this meeting. The purpose of the Executive Session shall be to discuss the following matters:

		COUNCIL VOTE					
Personnel matt	ers in various departments of the	he	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	
Boroug	•	Castelli					
C		Todd					
Pending and Po	otential Litigation	Vincentz					
<u> </u>	C	Severino					
Tax Court Litig	gation.	Acosta					
		Jimenez					
Potential real e	state transactions in which the	Mayor Suarez					
Boroug	h may engage.			1	ļ		
Personnel matt	state transactions shall be disc	•	iscuss	яоп с	oncerning		
concern	ssions with the Borough Attorning litigation shall be disclosed in is terminated.	•					
	o Closed Session. The Mayor necessary, to take action on Cl			the 1	right to rec	onvene	
Approved:	,	Attest:					
Anthony R. Suarez, M	•	Linda M. Prina, Borough Clerk					

Meeting February 27, 2012

Presented by Mayor Suarez

ORDINANCE NO. 2197

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that an Ordinance entitled

"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2190"

introduced on the 13th day of February, 2012, do now pass a final reading and be adopted, and that the Borough Clerk be and she is authorized and directed to publish once, the aforesaid title, together with a notice of the date of its passage on final reading and approval thereof in The Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Ridgefield.

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
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Vincentz				
Severino				
Acosta				
Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:	Attest:		
Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor	Linda M. Prina,		
	Borough Clerk		

Meeting February 13, 2012

Presented by Mayor Suarez

ORDINANCE NO. 2197

"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2190"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that Ordinance No. 2190, Under Section I of that Ordinance, be, and hereby is amended as follows:

Section I.

Section _____-6 of that Ordinance, entitled "Anti-Bullying Committee", subpart (a) be and hereby is amended by deleting the existing language of subsection (a) and replacing same with the following:

-6. Anti-Bullying Committee.

(a) The Borough hereby establishes an Anti-Bullying Committee (hereinafter "the Committee"), to be charged with responding to reports of bullying, investigating reports of bullying and, where warranted, determining appropriate responses to incidents of bullying, including remedial action and consequences as deemed appropriate. The Committee shall also be charged with investigating and implementing programs and methods to inform and educate the various segments of the Ridgefield community about bullying, its effects and ways and methods to deal with same. The Committee shall consist of seven members and two alternates to be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council. Committee members and alternates shall serve for a three year term to run on a calendar year basis. The initial appointment of the Committee will have staggered terms so that two persons are appointed for a three year term, two persons for a two year term, and three persons for a one year term so that thereafter for each successive year two members of the Committee will be up for reappointment for a three year term. The initial appointment of alternate members of the Committee will be one year. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the appointment, to fill the unexpired term of the member who has left office.

Section II.

Section ______-6 of that Ordinance, subpart (c), be and hereby is amended by replacing the existing language with the following:

The Mayor and Council shall select a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson who shall preside at Committee Meetings. The Mayor and Council shall also appoint on a calendar year basis a member of the Council to serve as a Council liaison to the Committee. In addition, there

Meeting February 27, 2012

Presented by Councilman Acosta

RESOLUTION NO. 108-2012

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the employee status of John Rubino be changed from seasonal employee of the Department of Public Works to full-time employee of the Department of Public Works at the annual starting salary of \$25,000.00 effective immediately.

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Todd				
Vincentz				
Severino				
Acosta				
Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:	Attest:	
Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor	Linda M. Prina, Borough Clerk	

Meeting February 27, 2012

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 109-2012

WHEREAS, the property owner at 531 Chestnut Street, also known as Block 2003 Lot 2 in the Borough of Ridgefield was to receive a Senior and Veteran Deduction for the year 2010 which was erroneously removed from the tax bill;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that a refund in the amount of \$250.00 for the Senior Deduction and \$250.00 for the Veteran Deduction be given to Dominick Rotundo for the year 2010;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to issue a check in the total amount of \$500.00 made payable to Dominick Rotundo and mailed to 531 Chestnut Street, Ridgefield New Jersey 07657.

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
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Vincentz				
Severino				
Acosta				
Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:	Attest:		
Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor	Linda M. Prina, Borough Clerk		

Meeting February 27, 2012

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 110-2012

WHEREAS, the following Senior/Disabled Deductions have been allowed for the year 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that deductions be refunded in accordance with the following schedule;

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	PROPERTY OWNER	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2607	1.01	Labarbiera, Mary 460 Oak Street	\$250.00
304	1	Wahl, Arlene 924 Linden Avenue	\$250.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to issue checks in accordance with the above schedule.

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
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Severino				
Acosta				
Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:	Attest:	
Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor	Linda M. Prina,	
	Borough Clerk	

Meeting February 27, 2012

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 111-2012

WHEREAS, the Tax Court of New Jersey has approved the settlement stipulation for an adjusted assessment on Block 3105 Lot 5, also known as 484 Bergen Boulevard for the years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that Franco and Filomena Piccolo be issued a refund in the amount of \$3,523.23 for the year 2008, \$3,693.37 for 2009, \$3,816.25 for 2010 and \$3,891.86 for 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be and he is hereby authorized to issue a check in the total amount of \$14,924.71 made payable to Franco and Filomena Piccolo and mailed to 484 Bergen Boulevard, Ridgefield New Jersey 07657.

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
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Vincentz				
Severino				
Acosta				
Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

Attest:		
Linda M. Prina, Borough Clerk		

Meeting February 27, 2012

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 112-2012

WHEREAS, the Tax Court of New Jersey has approved the settlement stipulation for an adjusted assessment on Block 3805 Lot 8, also known as 375 Broad Avenue for the years 2009, 2010 and 2011;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that North Fork Bank by Capital One, N.A. be issued a refund in the amount of \$1,563.00 for the year 2009, \$3,230.00 for 2010 and \$3,294.00 for 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be and he is hereby authorized to issue a check in the total amount of \$8,087.00 made payable to North Fork Bank by Capital One, F.A and Peter Zipp Attorney for Plaintiff and mailed to Zipp and Tannenbaum, LLC, 166 Gatzmer Avenue, Jamesburg, New Jersey 08831.

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
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Acosta				
Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

Attest:	
Linda M. Prina,	

Meeting February 27, 2012

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 113-2012

WHEREAS, the following applicant has posted a performance bond for development with the Planning Board;

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Applicant</u>		<u>Amount</u>
1911	7	Khorozian, Haykanuch	572-576 Bergen Boulevard	\$10,000.00

WHEREAS, Borough professionals have determined that all required improvements have been satisfactorily completed and all fees due for services rendered have been received:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the Borough Treasurer is and hereby authorized to return the balance of escrow monies to the applicant.

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:	Attest:		
Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor	Linda M. Prina,		
	Borough Clerk		

Meeting February 27, 2012

Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 114-2012

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that

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be appointed to the Rent Leveling Commission for the unexpired term of Anita Whalen.

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
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Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:	Attest:	
Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor	Linda M. Prina,	
	Borough Clerk	

Meeting February 27, 2012

Presented by Mayor Suarez

RESOLUTION NO. 115-2012

WHEREAS, fifty-five percent of New Jersey residents are obese or overweight; and

WHEREAS, medical expenses for treating problems related to obesity in our state total billions annually; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has reported the highest incidence in the nation in obesity among low-income kids aged 2-5 years; and

WHEREAS, the current generation of children in America may have shorter life expectancies than their parents; and

WHEREAS, the Mayors Wellness Campaign supports Mayors as champions of community health; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the campaign is to improve health, reduce health care costs related to obesity, and make New Jersey a national leader in community-based health interventions; and

WHEREAS, the Mayors Wellness Campaign seeks to foster active living and healthy lifestyles by providing communities the structure and resources to implement healthy community initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Mayors Wellness Campaign will work to implement a comprehensive program of outreach, education and technical assistance activities to combat obesity and inactivity issues for the Borough of Ridgefield; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield cares deeply about all of its citizens and the future health of its children

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Anthony R. Suarez, ask that all residents of this community join me in supporting the Mayors Wellness Campaign; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that I encourage the residents of the Borough of Ridgefield to participate in Mayors Wellness Campaign activities to promote exercise, eating properly and living healthier and better lives.

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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:	Attest:	
Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor	Linda M. Prina,	
	Borough Clerk	

Meeting February 27, 2012

Presented by Councilman Acosta

RESOLUTION NO. 116-2012

WHEREAS, recent changes to the regulations of the Federal Highway Administration require that municipalities adopt a plan to meet the new and changing regulations pertaining to road signs; and

WHEREAS, a meeting was conducted with the Borough Engineer, DPW Superintendent and Chief of Police to discuss the new regulations and the adoption of a plan by which to achieve compliance; and

WHEREAS, the plan attached hereto was drafted by the Borough Attorney and approved by the Borough Engineer, DPW Superintendent and Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Borough of Ridgefield to adopt and implement the attached plan to meet compliance with the new regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the plan attached hereto and entitled "Plan to Meet Federal Regulations Regarding Federal Road Sign Standards" be and hereby is adopted by the Mayor and Council, and representatives of the Borough's Police Department, Department of Public Works and Borough Engineer are hereby authorized and directed to implement same.

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:	Attest:	
Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor	Linda M. Prina,	
	Borough Clerk	

PLAN TO MEET FEDERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING FEDERAL ROAD SIGN STANDARDS

The Borough of Ridgefield hereby recognizes its obligations, as per regulations of the Federal Highway Administration, that the Borough adopt a plan to manage its road signs as per those regulations. In connection therewith, the Borough conducted a meeting with representatives of the Borough's Police Department, Department of Public Works, Borough Engineer, Council liaisons and Borough Attorney on February 8, 2012. As a result of that meeting, the following plan is recommended for adoption by the Council.

- 1. Present Status: The Borough has, within its Department of Public Works, the capability to manufacture its own road signs. The Borough's Department of Public Works has, for approximately the past four years, utilized materials which it believes meets regulations as to the reflectivity of signs as recently adopted by the Federal Highway Administration.

 Accordingly, the Borough believes it is well on its way towards meeting the new mandates.
- 2. Street Name Signs and Other Guide Signs: The Borough recognizes that in the future street name signs will need to include a mix of upper and lower case letters as appropriate. The Borough also recognizes there is no deadline for compliance and no need to replace perfectly good existing signs. The Borough does, however, hereby adopt a sign management plan to the effect that as existing street signs are replaced due to wear, or damage, they will be replaced with signs with the appropriate upper and lower case lettering as required.
- 3. Letter Heights on Street Name Signs: The Borough hereby adopts the recommendations of the U.S. Department of Transportation that in the future street name signs will have the following letter heights:
 - (a) For roads of 25 miles per hour or less, the letter heights will be 4 inches.

- (b) On signs with speed limits between 25 miles per hour and 40 miles per hour, letter heights will be 6 inches.
- (c) For multi-lane roads with speed limits greater than 45 miles per hour, the Borough will have street name signs with 8 inch letter heights.

This plan will be implemented as existing signs are replaced due to wear or damage.

4. Retro Reflectivity of Signs:

(a) **Verification:** As indicated above, the Borough believes that the sign materials it has been using for the past four years meet the standards for retro reflectivity of signs as adopted by the Federal Highway Administration.

The Borough Engineer will verify that the sign materials being used by the Department of Public Works meet the new federal regulations as to reflectivity.

- (b) Inventory: The Borough believes that almost all of its street name signs have been replaced with new street name signs that meet the new standards on retro reflectivity. This will be verified by the Borough Engineer. The Police Department shall conduct a survey and report to the Borough Engineer as to those street name signs that do not meet the new standards.
- (c) Schedule: It is hereby determined that the identification of the signs as set forth above shall be completed no later than June 30, 2012.
- (d) Adoption of Plan for Compliance: Following the inventory as set forth above, Borough officials will meet on or before September 1, 2012, to review the results of the survey, determine which signs need to be replaced and meet standards on retro reflectivity, to discuss the costs of same, to review dates for compliance, and at that time adopt a revision to the within plan to provide for replacement of signs to meet new standards on retro reflectivity as needed.

Prepared by Stephen F. Pellino, Esq., Borough Attorney February 9, 2012

Meeting February 27, 2012

Presented by Councilman Acosta

RESOLUTION NO. 117-2012

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that a Limousine License be issued to:

KANG WOO LEE

in accordance with Ordinance No. 1558.

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
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Vincentz				
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Acosta				
Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:	Attest:	
Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor	Linda M. Prina,	
	Borough Clerk	

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The undersigned, being the Chief Financial Office Bergen, New Jersey, and the person charged with records of said Borough in accordance with N.J.S. Board of the State of New Jersey adopted thereund funds available for the payment of the attached list and which said list indicates the specific line item	th the responsibility of maintaining financial A. 40:4-57 and the rules of the Local Finance ler, does hereby certify that there are adequate st of invoices, duly adopted by said Borough,
charged.	
	Joseph Luppino, Chief Financial Officer

Meeting February 27, 2012

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 118-2012

BE IT RESOLVED, that warrants totaling	\$585,108.85
be drawn on the following accounts:	
CURRENT TRUST CAPITAL POOL	\$550,327.41 \$30,757.50 \$2,936.50 \$1,087.44
TOTAL	\$585,108.85

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:	Attest:	
Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor	Linda M. Prina,	
	Borough Clerk	